(c) whether all the villages in the State would be electrified by 2009 and if not, the number of villages not expected to be electrified by that time?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRl SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As reported by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), there are 6417 inhabited villages in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) according to 2001 Census out of which 6304 villages have been electrified as on 30th June, 2007. So far the State has not reported electrification of any village in J&K under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(b) There is no provision for block-wise/district-wise allocation of funds under RGGVY. Funds under RGGVY are released in installments, commensurate with the progress reported by the State. J&K State has availed Rs.19.59 crore under RGGVY so far. As regards R.S. Pura Block in Jammu District, the project for Jammu District has not been taken up for implementation in Phase-I of the scheme. Therefore, funds have not yet been released for this project.

(c) The CEA Report, indicates that 113 villages are yet to be electrified in J&K as on 1st July, 2007. RGGVY envisages electrification of all the un-electrified villages in the country, including J&K by 2009, after the continuation of RGGVY is approved in the Eleventh Plan.

Identification of Muslim-dominated areas

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing a religion-based demographic chart to identify Muslim-dominated areas, where the funds of Rs.l000 crore already approved by the Planning Commission would be spent;

(b) if so, whether this would be in addition to allocation of 15 per cent of Government resources for such minority communities;

(c) whether such a demographic chart is going to be prepared for other minority communities also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) 90 minority concentration districts have been identified based on the population of minority communities and backwardness parameters. The identification has been done for all minority communities, including Muslims. A budgetary provision of Rs.120 crore has been made for 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme for minority concentration districts to address their 'development deficits'.

This is in addition to the earmarking of 15% of targets and outlays, for schemes considered amenable to earmarking and included in the Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of the Minorities.